



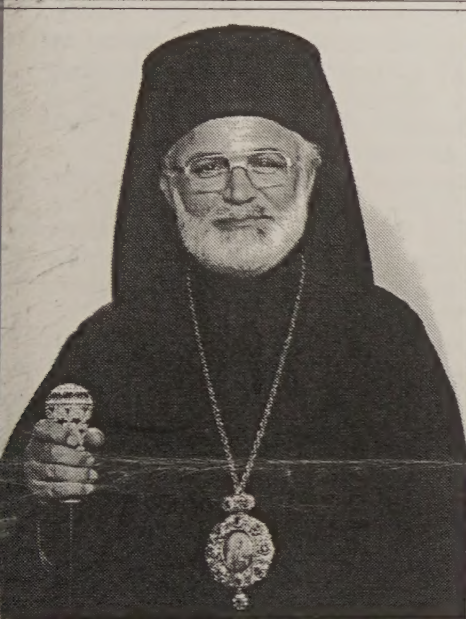
# ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



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## METROPOLITAN ANTHONY OF SAN FRANCISCO DIES FOLLOWING SHORT ILLNESS



**Metropolitan Anthony**, the spiritual leader of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco, with jurisdiction over the seven western states, died Christmas Day, December 25, 2004, five weeks after he was diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma. He was 69 years of age. At the time of his death, he was surrounded by clergy, family and friends, including his sisters, **Eleni Koniaris** and **Chrysoula**

**Antono-poulos** and their families, and his sister-in-law, **Giannoula Gergiannakis**, and her family. Metropolitan Anthony was predeceased by his brothers, **Mihalis Gergiannakis** and **George Gergiannakis**, and a sister, **Stella Roumeliotakis**. He also leaves behind twelve nephews and nieces and a number of grand nephews and grand nieces.

In announcing the passing of Metropolitan Anthony, **Bishop Anthimos of Olympos**, a close friend and assistant at the Metropolis, noted, "Although we are deeply saddened by the passing of this very dynamic hierarchy of the Church, we are confident he is with the Lord. The Lord took him on Christmas Day, as if to remind us that his entire life and ministry were a gift to us, to his family, to the Church." Assisted by **Fr. Stephen Kyriacou**, the Dean of the Annunciation Cathedral, the Bishop led the family in prayer prior to the Metropolitan's death and conducted a Trisagion (memorial service) immediately following.

Metropolitan Anthony's body lay in state in the Bishop Anthony Chapel of the Annunciation Cathedral from Monday, December 27, through Tuesday evening, December 28. Hundreds of faithful paid their respects and signed the Book of Condolences on Monday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and also on Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Orthros (Matins) were celebrated on Tuesday at 9 a.m., with a Divine Liturgy following. On Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p.m., a Trisagion service was celebrated, presided over by His Eminence **Archbishop Demetrios**. Many of the faithful followed the proceedings on a large screen set up in the Korinthias Hall.

The Cathedral Philoptochos, under the leadership of **Angie Leventis**, President, offered hospitality to the family, to visiting clergy and to all those who came to pay their respects throughout the two days. The Parish Council, under the leadership of **Tom Nuris**, President, organized the ushering and tended to many of the other details. The combined efforts of Annunciation's parishioners, which were conducted with utter dignity, and flowed seamlessly, did not go unnoticed. Many of the hierarchs and the 150 priests who participated, noted that they were impressed with our preparations, which also included the closing of Valencia Street on Tuesday and the escort of the body by the California Highway Patrol on Tuesday evening, following the Trisagion.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, December 29 at the Ascension Cathedral, Oakland, beginning with Orthros (Matins) at 8 a.m., and followed by the Divine Liturgy, at 9 a.m. The Funeral Office got underway at 11 a.m. Until preparations are finalized for Metropolitan Anthony's final resting place at the Monastery of the Theotokos the Life-Giving Spring, in Dunlap, California, in accordance with his wishes, his body was entombed temporarily in the Greek Orthodox Memorial Park in Colma. Also, in accordance with Metropolitan Anthony's expressed wishes, donations to the Heritage Museum are requested. Checks should be forwarded to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco, 372 Santa Clara Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94127.

A resident of San Francisco for the last 26 years, **Metropolitan Anthony** emerged from humble and austere beginnings. The son of **Emmanuel** and **Eleftheria Gergiannakis**, he was born in the village of Avgeniki on the island of Crete, Greece, the third of six children, growing up during the brutally difficult years of the Nazi occupation. He was the first member of his family to leave the village, attending the ecclesiastical school of Chania, Crete, and ultimately graduating from the internationally renowned Halki Theological School of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in 1960. He was ordained a deacon on July 27, 1958, and a priest on September 29, 1960. After his ordination to the priesthood, he came to the United States to pursue postgraduate studies and serve the Church in this country. While serving as a parish priest, he earned a Masters of Divinity at Yale University and pursued doctoral studies in Contemporary Church History at the University of Chicago, and in Russian and Balkan History at the University of Wisconsin. In 1974, he was appointed Dean of the St. George Cathedral in Montreal, Canada, where he remained until his elevation to the episcopacy on May 21, 1978. As titular Bishop of Amissos, he served the Eighth Archdiocesan District in Denver, Colorado, until his election as Bishop of



San Francisco in 1979.

Metropolitan Anthony was enthroned as the first bishop of the newly-created Diocese of San Francisco on June 7, 1979. He served as the Bishop and later Metropolitan of San Francisco for over twenty-five years, overseeing the western states of California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and Hawaii. During that time, he was responsible for a tremendous expansion of ministries and programs, an unparalleled period of ferment and renewal. His tenure saw the founding of over twenty new parishes and missions in the Metropolis of San Francisco, nearly one parish for each year of his ministry, as well as the establishment of three monasteries. He was the founder of St. Nicholas Ranch, the Greek Orthodox conference and retreat center located in the Sierra Nevada foothills. He was also the driving force behind the construction of the Monastery of the Theotokos the Life-Giving Spring on the premises of St. Nicholas Ranch. He developed the annual Metropolis Folk Dance Festival into the largest exhibition of authentic Greek folk dance, costume, and music in the world. Together with the Metropolis Philoptochos, he created the Bishop Anthony Student Aid Endowment Fund, a multi-million dollar scholarship account providing funding for seminarians and students from the Metropolis to attend Hellenic College and Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts. He served as a member of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Archdiocese of America. He proved a source of inspiration for countless thousands, not only Greek Orthodox faithful, but also religious and civic figures who recognized in him a great leader and a true man of faith.

Metropolitan Anthony will be remembered for his enthusiasm, his vigor, and his prophetic vision for the Metropolis of San Francisco. He challenged his faithful to be more than we believed we could be, to accomplish more than we ever thought possible, to dream great dreams and to make them a reality. A source of inspiration for countless thousands, not only Greek Orthodox faithful, but also religious and civic figures who recognized in him a great leader and a true man of faith, his presence and legacy will be felt for generations to come.

## THOUSANDS MOURN PASSING OF METROPOLITAN ANTHONY

His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony was interred on December 29 with funeral services and orations that not only grieved the loss of a man of faith and a great spiritual leader, but also celebrated a life of ministry and a legacy of inspired and visionary service. Over two thousand mourners attended services on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, paying tribute to a man whose dynamic personality and presence shaped the course of the Metropolis of San Francisco for more than a quarter of a century.

On Tuesday evening, December 28, the Trisagion service was celebrated in the Bishop Anthony Chapel of the Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco, by Archbishop Demetrios of America, with hundreds of mourners seated in overflow accommodations in the cathedral hall. Remarks were offered afterwards by Mr. Theofanis Economides, Vice-President of the Metropolis Council, Fr. Theodore Dorrance, President of the Metropolis Clergy Brotherhood, Mr. Demetrios Touloupas, Consul General of Greece, Mr. Nicholas Theophanous, Honorary Consul General of Cyprus, Bishop Anthimos of Olympos, Metropolitan Soterios of Canada, designated envoy of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, and Archbishop Demetrios.

On Wednesday morning, December 29, Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago, the senior member of the Eparchial Synod, presided over the funeral Divine Liturgy at Ascension Cathedral in Oakland, California, assisted by

clergy of the Metropolis. Archbishop Demetrios presided over the funeral service together with members of the Holy Eparchial Synod and other hierarchs. Over one hundred clergy from various Orthodox jurisdictions participated in the funeral. A choir specially assembled with choir members from throughout the Metropolis led the singing for the Divine Liturgy and the funeral. Afterwards, remarks were offered by Fr. John Bakas of St. Sophia Cathedral in Los Angeles, who spoke of Metropolitan Anthony as a man who "reached what could not be reached," and Fr. Stephen Kyriacou of Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco, who described Metropolitan Anthony with the words of a folk hymn as an eagle soaring towards the rising sun. Condolences were also offered by Bishop John Wester of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco on behalf of Archbishop William Levada, and Bishop William Swing of the Episcopal Diocese of California. Bishop Anthimos of Olympos offered a deeply personal reflection on Metropolitan Anthony as "the bishop of the people," and urged those present to fulfill Metropolitan Anthony's vision of a Hellenic Heritage Center at St. Nicholas Ranch. Metropolitan Soterios of Canada offered condolences on behalf of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Finally, Archbishop Demetrios of America offered the eulogy, praising Metropolitan Anthony as a man whose faith expressed itself in freedom, in creativity, and in joy.

After the Makaria luncheon, a funeral procession nearly a mile long led to the Greek Orthodox Memorial Park in Colma, California, where Metropolitan Anthony was temporarily interred, pending final interment at the Monastery of the Theotokos the Life-Giving Spring, where it was His Eminence's wish to be buried.

The Metropolis of San Francisco has declared an official period of mourning throughout the forty day period from December 25, 2004, until February 2, 2005. The fortieth day will be observed at the Cathedral on Sunday, January 30th, which this year coincides with the Feast of the Three Hierarchs. Memorial services will be conducted following the Divine Liturgy. Faithful from throughout the Bay Area are invited to attend the services as we remember the life and legacy of Metropolitan Anthony and pray for the repose of his soul.

## CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT

Nan Cusulos, chairman of this year's project, writes:

"Our Annunciation Philoptochos Christmas Tree Project for children was again a huge success. Our parishioners enthusiastically took the names off the tree, bought gifts for the children, and returned them to the church promptly. Some gave money donations.

However, this year we ran out of names. So, next year we will consider enlisting two shelters, so everyone will have a chance to share in the gift giving.

Before Christmas, we took the gifts to Raphael House, located on Sutter Street. Established in 1971, it was the first shelter in San Francisco for homeless families, and continues to thrive with many existing programs. One of them is a children's program where the children receive discipline and caring support to sustain them through the confusing and unstable experience of homelessness.

Our children of the parish are fully aware that they are buying gifts for their peers who are less fortunate. One of the little boys, upon returning his gift for a four year old boy, said to me: "My daddy has a list of houses and I asked him if he would give one to this little boy to live in." That is the spirit of Christmas.

Thank you, again, for joining in our project and showing the children at Raphael House the love of God and people who care. I also thank Helen Markanton for helping me in our endeavor."



# Community Link

## Creating Connections

### **What is Community Link?**

Community Link is a new ministry of the Annunciation Cathedral focusing on community building and outreach. We will be meeting on **Saturday, January 15, at 10:00 AM**, and on the third Saturday of every month, to prepare food and share a meal together, then go out to the homes of those who would like to receive a visit. These could include people who are:

- experiencing isolation because of age or illness
- undergoing a particularly stressful time such as the death of a loved one or loss of a job
- celebrating a joyful occasion, such as the birth of a child
- visitors and newcomers to our community.

### **An Expanding Circle of Care**

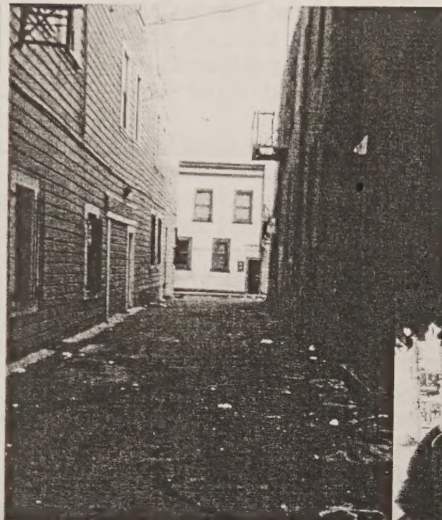
The idea underlying "Community Link" is an "expanding circle of care." We want to begin by focusing on the needs of our own Cathedral community, and expand that circle of love and concern outward to include other people and needs outside our church community, seeking to respond to Christ's call to show love and mercy to our neighbors.

### **How do I request a visit?**

If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit, please call Irene Avdoulos, our visitation coordinator, at (415) 863-6981. Or, you can contact the Cathedral Office at (415) 864-8000. All calls will be handled with confidentiality and sensitivity to your privacy.

### **How do I get involved?**

Anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact Fr. Paul Schroeder at (415) 753-3075, or via email at [frpaul@sanfran.goarch.org](mailto:frpaul@sanfran.goarch.org).



**First  
Gathering  
Saturday,  
Jan. 15  
10:00 AM**



### **Seeing our community through the eyes of our youth**

*by Caroline Pappajohn*

Our high school youth took to the streets recently to get a snapshot – literally – of what's going on in our local neighborhood. The question they attempted to answer was, "Who is our community?" As we seek to expand our circle of care through the new *Community Link* program, our youth were on the forefront, looking for manifestations of love, compassion, friendship, loneliness, fear and despair in our very own backyard.

In groups of two's and three's – cameras in hand – they had no trouble finding these (see photos of 'loneliness' and 'friendship' above). The first objective of the experience was for our youth to get an up-close look at the community that encircles our church. The second objective was to start asking questions about what they saw. The most important question our youth will consider in the New Year is, "What do we do about it?"

They'll look in multiple places for the answer: in their hearts, in Christ's Gospel teachings, and to us – the adults in our church. We hope and pray that as a community, we can model Christ's response to the pain, suffering and loneliness He confronted in His ministry, and reach out with compassion to our fellow parishioners and our neighbors.



## GRATEFUL GIVING

When God made the world, the Creator showed Adam and Eve a wonderful garden and commanded them: "Cultivate and care for it" (Gen. 2:15). We are thus charged with the task of being caretakers, or stewards, of everything around us. This requires 1) Faith, 2) Gratitude, and 3) Openness of Heart.

**FAITH.** We look beyond all things in everyday life to discover the presence of God, a presence that is sustained by faith. The closing prayer of the Liturgy acknowledges "every good and gracious thing comes from You, the Father of Light."

**GRATITUDE.** Recognizing that God is the origin of everything we possess brings gratitude for everything in life. Christians are called to be grateful. We express this in the Liturgy, where the very word Eucharist means "showing gratitude," or "giving thanks." Every time we pray in the Liturgy, we hear the priest say, "Let us give thanks to the Lord," and we respond, "It is fitting and right to give thanks."

**OPENNESS OF HEART.** Gifts from God are not meant for our own use only. Our blessings are meant to be shared. In this way, we help build up the Church and make this a better world. John Chrysostom, the great Patriarch of Constantinople, whose Liturgy we celebrate most days during the year, cautioned, "Not to enable the poor to share in our good is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." This sounds a little harsh to our modern ears. Think about it, though. Chrysostom is really right on about this. If we think of our blessings in this way, then our heart opens, not because we open it, but because it is meant to be open. In this way, we embrace not only those around us, but all of creation.

## 70TH (OR IS IT 85TH) ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are making plans to mark the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the Annunciation. Recall that our community began in 1921 as St. Sophia. Following six years in a church at Hayes and Pierce Streets in San Francisco, in 1927, the community acquired the Valencia Street Theater, which it turned into a church. Meanwhile, the community was named as Cathedral Church for the newly established Diocese of San Francisco. (Initially there were four Dioceses which made up the Archdiocese, established in 1922; these were: New York, Boston, Chicago and, of course, San Francisco.) In 1936 the community reorganized as "United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco, The Annunciation." Since then, it has been known, simply, as "Annunciation Cathedral." **November 11, 2006** is the date selected for this gala celebration. Please note the date on your 2006 calendars.

## PHILOPTOCHOS 23rd ANNUAL CRAB FEED

Always a sell-out event, our 23rd annual crab feed will take place Friday, January 21, 2005. No host refreshments will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. The Annunciation Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos is sponsoring and chairing this event. For reservations, please call **Anna Dricos** at 415 647-3853 or **Ackie Argyres** at 415 751-2180. The admission is \$40 per person. Reservations will be secured only by receipt of payment. Tickets must be paid for by January 14th.

If you prefer, you may complete and return the form below, by January 14th

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$40.00 each and/or \_\_\_\_\_ Table(s)  
(no more than 10 to a table).

Please include names of all guests to be seated at your table together with this reservation form. Make checks payable to: Annunciation Philoptochos. Attn.: Crab Feed. Mail to: 245 Valencia St, San Francisco, CA 94103. Please note: seating arrangements will be held at the door.

## HAPS TO SPONSOR GREEK LETTERS DAY AT CATHEDRAL

Greek Letters Day will be celebrated by the Hellenic American Professional Society of Northern California on Sunday, February 13 at the Annunciation Cathedral. An Artoclasia will be held to honor scholars (the 2005 Scholarship recipients are Erica L. Holland, Erene N. Kuvetakis, and Christos N. Theophanous). A luncheon will follow, at 1:00 p.m., (\$40 per person), during which two AXION Award recipients will be recognized (they are Peter A. Bagatelos, Esq. and Patricia Kay Lagiss) and the scholarships awarded, as noted above.

For reservations or additional information, please call **George Mattis** at 415 566-4308, **Loys Rodatos** at 415 282-0808 or **Virginia Lagiss** at 650 851-0270.

## THINKING ABOUT AN EVENT IN THE ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL'S KORINTHIAS CENTER?

First, call **Mike Canellos**, at 415 864-8815, or 415 864-8000 to book the date for your event. Then, call **Jack Spachis**, our caterer, on his cell, at 415 609-1977, or at the restaurant, at 415 647-3200. He will happily help you discuss and plan your business luncheon, baptismal or wedding reception, or any other event requiring food and use of the Cathedral's facilities.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOLY TRINITY PARISH

On December 30th, the Holy Trinity Parish celebrated its 100th anniversary. Many parishioners of the Annunciation Cathedral were on hand at the Sheraton Palace to mark this most important occasion. Holy Trinity is one of the oldest parishes in the United States, having been incorporated in 1904, and the oldest parish west of Chicago. As befitting the occasion, parishioners were honored for their many years of service to the parish, and Father Anthony Kosturos and Metropolitan Anthony were remembered for their services to the Parish and the Metropolis, respectively.

## RECENT SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL FUNERAL

**Anthony S. Bagatelos**, who fell asleep in the Lord on December 5, was buried December 10. He is survived by a daughter, Mary Ann Bagatelos-Land, and a son, Anthony S. Bagatelos. *Aionia aftiou i mnimi! May his memory be eternal.*



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# FOCUS ON YOUTH

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We ended the Sunday School year great enthusiasm. Our food drive was our best ever. Our parishioners were truly responsive. We had a very successful Christmas pageant, with every child participating in the event. A special thank you goes to **Maria Allen** and **Tina Kontonist**, who produced and directed the pageant, along with all the Sunday School teachers, who were a very integral part of the preparation and production. Also, special thanks to **Callie Fousekis**, who directed the singing. Special thanks also go to **Sia Sooklaris** for organizing the arts and crafts

portion of the program for the children, and to **Effie Vellis**, for organizing, once again, the complimentary luncheon following the program. A most special thanks to **Santa Claus** -- you know who you are -- thank you.

With all that behind us, the spring promises to be as busy. We resume Sunday School on January 9. Soon, the students will begin preparing for the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival as well as Lenten events.

As always, bringing your children to church helps them learn to love the Lord in the Orthodox Faith and develop lifelong friendships.

## 2004-2005 JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Junior varsity basketball practice for boys and girls has begun. We are delighted to have five teams in this category. All our practices are held in our Korinthias Center gym, as follows:

Wednesday evenings:	6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Boys C-1 Team,	Coached by Tom Nuris
	6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Boys C-2 Team,	Coached by Herb Ramos
	7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Boys A Team,	Coached by Darryl Chase
Thursday evenings:	6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Boys B Team,	Coached by Chris Kallas

## EVERYTHING IS LEADING UP TO FDF

Our young people are "frantically" preparing, once again, to participate in the **Folk Dance Festival** which, this year, is being held in Ontario, California, Thursday, February 17 through Sunday, February 20. We wish them well as they learn new dances, as their parents sew new costumes, and as all of them, under the direction of their advisors and directors, raise funds to enable their participation. Meanwhile, this year registration takes place online, by logging on to <http://www.gofdf.org>. You may also use this site to make hotel reservations through the Ontario Convention Bureau. As for event packages, three are available: 1) full packages for \$240; 2) events-only packages for \$200 (includes banquet but no other meals), and 3) events only packages (e.g. for Division 3--Ta Angelakia) for \$80 (no meals or awards banquet; access to competition and evening events only). Please visit the site and indicate your FDF preference.

## CATHEDRAL TO OFFER CLASSES IN BYZANTINE CHANT, BEGINNING JAN. 18

In its ongoing service to the parish but also to all the parishes, as Cathedral of the Metropolis, beginning January 18, the Annunciation will be the setting for a Beginning Byzantine Chant class as well as an Intermediate Byzantine Chant class. The *beginning class*, which is designed for individuals who have never encountered Byzantine notation, is open to all who wish to learn the fundamentals of church music and serve their respective parishes in the Bay Area by learning the various hymns from Vespers and Orthros (the evening and morning prayer services of the Orthodox Church.) This class will be held at the Annunciation Cathedral, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco (between 14th Street and Duboce), Tuesday evenings, beginning January 18, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The *intermediate class*, which is designed for individuals who have some ability reading Byzantine notation and some exposure to Byzantine chant, is open to all who wish to master the hymnology of the Church and serve their respective parishes in the Bay Area by assisting or, in some cases, assuming the chanter position. Some of our parishes are without chanters and, therefore, these vital prayer services are either omitted or are simply read. This class will be held at the Annunciation Cathedral Thursday evenings, beginning January 20, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Both groups will meet together every Saturday, beginning January 22, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will participate in Vespers, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Both groups will conclude on the Saturday of Lazaros, April 23.

The classes will be taught by **John Boyer**, who is well known to us as Assistant Chanter. John, a student at the University of California, at Berkeley, began learning hymnology at the Holy Trinity, Portland parish, at the age of 4. John has received training in Byzantine Music by the well-known choirmaster and chanter, **Lycourgos Angelopoulos**, in Greece. In addition, John sings with **Capella Romana**, an internationally acclaimed choir, which has been recording not only contemporary, but also early Byzantine chant.

The tuition for these intensive classes is \$225 per student, \$30 for texts and materials. The tuition can be paid either by the student or the parish sponsoring the student. Plenty of parking is available. For registration or for other information, please contact the Cathedral at 415 864-8000.

## PRE-MARRIAGE CLASSES AT THE CATHEDRAL

As announced in the last two issues of the Herald, beginning 2005, couples planning to be married at the Cathedral will meet with **Father Stephen** (or another member of the Cathedral clergy) on four occasions prior to their marriage. The first and fourth meetings will be private, while the second and third meetings will take place with other couples who are also planning to be married within the same six-month period. Those meetings will take place on **Tuesday, February 8, 7-9 p.m.** and **Tuesday, April 19, also 7-9 p.m.** The meetings will take place in the second floor conference room. The meetings will deal an overview of the Orthodox perspective of marriage, marital relations, celebrating and growing, and a number of issues, including in-laws, communication, and fighting fair, money management, and mixed faiths, as applicable.

At the initial meeting, matters generally pertaining to their marriage will be discussed, and the date for their marriage will be set. At the last meeting, a marriage affidavit (application for a church license) will be completed and the rehearsal date will be set. Couples contemplating marriage at the Cathedral in 2005 (even 2006) should call and schedule the initial meeting as soon as possible.

Couples planning to be married in another Orthodox Church should follow the protocols for marriage set by the parish in which they will be married. The priest of that parish will complete the paperwork and conduct their pre-marriage classes, *even though the couple still plans to continue their membership at the Cathedral.*



## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6: MINI COOPER SUNDAY

The Mini Cooper committee is pleased to announce that the drawing for our 2005 Mini Cooper will take place at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 6 (which is also "Super Bowl Sunday"). We are definitely in the home stretch. The last big gathering before February 6 will be the Crab Feed, January 21. This is definitely the time to put out \$111 for the opportunity to win a 2005 silver metallic Mini Cooper, secured by the Annunciation Cathedral through Mini of San Francisco. The car which is being raffled off includes the following options: premium package, multi function steering wheel, glass moon roof, air conditioning, automatic transmission and a CD stereo player. Vehicle tax and license for this Mini Cooper are also included. The winner will be notified by mail, that is, in writing, and must be at least 18 years of age to win. The winner accepts the responsibility for insurance, income taxes and other costs of owning a vehicle. All that

## 2005 JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Junior varsity basketball games involving the Annunciation Cathedral teams is as follows:

Sunday, January 9

2:15 p.m. Girls A Annunciation  
and Holy Trinity at Holy Trinity  
3:30 p.m. Boys C Annunciation  
and Holy Trinity at Holy Trinity  
4:45 p.m. Boys B Annunciation  
and Holy Trinity at Holy Trinity  
6:00 p.m. Boys A Annunciation  
and Holy Trinity at Holy Trinity

Sunday, January 16

2:15 p.m. Boys C Annunciation  
and St. Gregory at Annunciation  
3:30 p.m. Girls A Annunciation  
and St. Gregory at Annunciation  
4:45 p.m. Boys B Annunciation  
and St. Gregory at Annunciation  
6:00 p.m. Boys A Annunciation  
and St. Gregory at Annunciation

Sunday, January 23

3:30 p.m. Boys C Annunciation  
and St. Nicholas #1 at Monte Vista  
3:30 p.m. Boys B Annunciation  
and Resurrection at Resurrection  
4:45 p.m. Girls A Annunciation  
and St. Nicholas Antiochian at Resurrection  
Bye Boys A

Sunday, January 30

2:45 p.m. Boys C Annunciation  
and Ascension at Annunciation  
4:00 p.m. Girls A Annunciation  
and Ascension at Annunciation  
5:15 p.m. Boys B Annunciation

having been said, we think this is a great raffle, and this is why people are responding so well. For additional information, see **Michael Bagatelos**, our Mini Cooper chair, or call the Cathedral, at 415 864-8000.

## HAPS TO SPONSOR GREEK LETTERS DAY AT CATHEDRAL

Greek Letters Day will be celebrated by the Hellenic American Professional Society of Northern California on Sunday, February 13 at the Annunciation Cathedral. An Artoclasia will be held to honor scholars (the 2005 Scholarship recipients are **Erica L. Holland**, **Erene N. Kuvetakis**, and **Christos N. Theophanous**). A luncheon will follow, at 1:00 p.m., (\$40 per person), during which two AXION Award recipients will be recognized (they are **Peter A. Bagatelos, Esq.** and **Patricia Kay Lagiss**) and the scholarships awarded, as noted above. For reservations or additional information, please call **George Mattis** at 415 566-4308, **Loys Rodatos** at 415 282-0808 or **Virginia Lagiss** at 650 851-0270.

and Ascension at Annunciation  
6:30 p.m. Boys A Annunciation  
and Ascension at Annunciation

Saturday, February 5

1:00 p.m. Boys C Annunciation  
and St. Vartan at Aragon High  
2:15 p.m. Boys B Annunciation  
and St. Vartan at Aragon High  
3:30 p.m. Boys A Annunciation  
and St. Vartan at Aragon High  
Bye Girls A

Sunday, February 13

3:30 p.m. Boys C Annunciation  
and St. Nicholas Antiochian at Resurrection  
Bye Girls A, Boys B, Boys A

Sunday, February 27

2:15 p.m. Girls A Annunciation  
and Holy Cross at Annunciation  
3:30 p.m. Boys C Annunciation  
and Holy Cross at Annunciation  
4:45 p.m. Boys B Annunciation  
and Holy Cross at Annunciation  
6:00 p.m. Boys A Annunciation  
and Holy Cross at Annunciation

Sunday, March 6

2:15 p.m. Boys C Annunciation  
and St. Nicholas #2 at Annunciation  
3:30 p.m. Boys A Annunciation  
and St. Nicholas at Annunciation  
2:15 p.m. Girls A Annunciation  
and St. Nicholas at Holy Trinity  
3:30 p.m. Boys B Annunciation  
and St. Nicholas at Holy Trinity

Parishioners and friends of the Cathedral are invited to join family members and friends as we cheer on our teams. For game times and standings, visit the OYAA web site, at <http://members.lycos.co.uk/oyaahoops>

## PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY- SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Thursday, January 13, 2005	1:00 p.m.	Gen Mtg - 2nd Floor Conf. Rm
Friday, January 21, 2005	6:00 p.m.	Crabfeed Dinner
MONTH OF FEBRUARY		MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Thursday, February 10, 2005	1:00 p.m.	Gen Mtg - 2nd Floor Conf. Rm
Thursday, March 10, 2005	1:00 p.m.	Gen Mtg - 2nd Floor Conf. Rm
Friday, March 25, 2005	12:00 noon	Luncheon after Services
Thursday, April 14, 2005	1:00 p.m.	Gen Mtg - 2nd Floor Conf. Rm



# ΝΕΑ ΤΟΥ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΥ

## ΠΑΝΔΗΜΗ Η ΚΗΔΕΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΦΡΑΓΚΙΣΚΟΥ ΑΝΤΩΝΙΟΥ

Χιλιάδες πιστοί απότισαν στις 29 Δεκεμβρίου τον ύστατο φόρο τιμής στον Μητροπολίτη Αγίου Φραγκίσκου Αντώνιο στον Καθεδρικό Ναό της Αναλήψεως στο Οκλάνδη της Καλιφόρνιας όπου πραγματοποιήθηκε η εξόδιος ακολουθία.

Η σωρός του μακαριστού Μητροπολίτου Αγίου Φραγκίσκου κυρού Αντωνίου τέθηκε σε λαϊκό προσκύνημα την Δευτέρα 27 Δεκεμβρίου και την Τρίτη 28 Δεκεμβρίου στο παρεκκλήσιο του Καθεδρικού ναού του Ευαγγελισμού. Το εσπέρας της 28ης Δεκεμβρίου προεξάρχοντας του Σεβασμιωτάτου Αρχιεπισκόπου Αμερικής κ. Δημητρίου και παρουσία πολλών εκατοντάδων πιστών και των μελών της οικογενείας του μεταστάντος ιεράρχου εψάλη τρισάγιο. Ακολούθησαν σύντομες αλλά συγκινητικές αναφορές στη ζωή και το έργο του Μητροπολίτη Αντωνίου. Μεταξύ των ομιλητών ήταν ο αντιπρόεδρος του Μητροπολιτικού Συμβουλίου της Μητροπόλεως Αγίου Φραγκίσκου Θεοφάνης Οικονομίδης, ο πρόεδρος του τοπικού Συνδέσμου Κληρικών π. Θεόδωρος Δορρανχε, οι Γενικοί Πρόξενοι της Ελλάδος και της Κύπρου Δημήτριος Τουλούπας και Νικόλαος Θεοφάνους, αντίστοιχα και ο Θεοφιλέστατος Επίσκοπος Ολύμπου Άνθιμος, ο οποίος βρέθηκε σύμβουλος και αρωγός στο έργο του μακαριστού ιεράρχη τα τελευταία οκτώ χρόνια. Ο Μητροπολίτης Τορόντο κ. Σωτήριος εκπροώπησε τον Οικουμενικό Πατριάρχη κ. Βαρθολομαίο και μετέφερε την βαθιά θλίψη του ιδίου και του Παναγιωτάτου. Ο Σεβασμιωτάτος Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής κ. Δημήτριος ανέγνωσε συλλυπητήριο μήνυμα του δημάρχου του Αγίου Φραγκίσκου Γάιν Νεωσομ και μίλησε για τον εκλιπόντα ιεράρχη τονίζοντας ότι επρόκειτο για άνθρωπο που απέπνεε διαρκώς το μήνυμα της ζωής.

Χιλιάδες πιστοί κατέκλυσαν από νωρίς το πρωί της Τετάρτης 29 Δεκεμβρίου, τον Καθεδρικό Ναό της Αναλήψεως στο Οκλάνδη για τον τελευταίο ασπασμό στον Μητροπολίτη τους, ο οποίος γήγηκε για 25 χρόνια των ελληνορθόδοξων στις επτά δυτικές πολιτείες των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών.

Ο πρώτος τη τάξει ιεράρχης της Ιεράς Επαρχιακής Συνόδου, Μητροπολίτης Σικάγου Ιάκωβος προεξήρχε της Αρχιερατικής Θείας Λειτουργίας βοηθούμενος υπό πέντε κληρικών της Μητροπόλεως Αγίου Φραγκίσκου.

Μετά το τέλος της Θείας Λειτουργίας, στις 11:00 π.μ. σχηματίστηκε πομπή από το παραπλεύρως κοινοτικό κέντρο και κατευθύνθηκε στον ναό. Προηγείτο τιμητικό άγημα νέων με παραδοσιακές στολές, ιεροπαιδες με τα εξαπτέρυγα και ακολουθούσαν οι Άρχοντες του Οικουμενικού Πατριαρχείου και εκπρόσωποι οργανώσεων και ιδρυμάτων της Αρχιεπισκοπής, ο κλήρος της Ιεράς Μητροπόλεως, Μοναχοί και Μοναχές, εκπρόσωποι άλλων ορθόδοξων Εκκλησιών και άλλων χριστιανικών δογμάτων, οι Ιεράρχες, οι διάκονοι και ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Δημήτριος ο οποίος προεξήρχε της εξοδίου ακολουθίας. Συμμετείχαν ακόμη ο Μητροπολίτης Τορόντο Σωτήριος εκπροσωπώντας τον Οικουμενικό Πατριάρχη και οι Μητροπολίτες Σικάγου Ιάκωβος, Ντένβερ Ησαΐας, Ατλάντας Αλέξιος, Ντιτρόιτ Νικόλαος και Μπουένος Άϊρες Ταράσιος, καθώς και οι επίσκοποι Ολύμπου Άνθιμος, Τρωάδος Σάββας και Κρατείας Γεράσιμος.

Πλέον των εκατό κληρικών, διακόνων και πρεσβυτέρων έψαλλαν την νεκρώσιμη ακολουθία συνεπικουρούμενοι από μικτή χορωδία της Μητροπόλεως. Το λαϊκό

στοιχείο της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής εκπροώπησαν ο αντιπρόεδρος του Αρχιεπισκοπικού Συμβουλίου Εμμανουήλ Τζαχάρης και η πρόεδρος της Εθνικής Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητας Γεωργία Σκιαδά.

Την νεολαία που τόσο πολύ αγάπησε ο Μητροπολίτης Αντώνιος, εκπροσώπησε το πολυμελές τιμητικό άγημα με παραδοσιακές ενδυμασίες ενώ νέοι και νέες με ενδυμασίες της Κρήτης στάθηκαν ως τιμητική φρουρά παραπλεύρως της σορού του Μητροπολίτη Αντωνίου καθ' όλην τη διάρκεια της ακολουθίας.

Μετά το πέρας της ακολουθίας ο π. Ιωάννης Μπάκας, ιερατικός προϊστάμενος του Καθεδρικού Ναού της Αγίας Σοφίας στο Λος Άντζελες και ο π. Στυλιανός Κυριάκου, ιερατικός προϊστάμενος του Καθεδρικού Ναού του Ευαγγελισμού στον Άγιο Φραγκίσκο μίλησαν για τη ζωή και το έργο του εκλιπόντος Μητροπολίτη τους. Συλληπητήρια απηύθυναν ο επίσκοπος 'οην Χ. Ωεστερ, εκπρόσωπος του ρωμαιοκαθολικού Αρχιεπισκόπου του Αγ. Φραγκίσκου Ωίλλιαμ Λέαδα και ο επισκοπελιανός επίσκοπος της πόλης Ωίλλιαμ Σωινγ. Συγκινητική ήταν και η αναφορά του Θεοφ. Επισκόπου Ολύμπου Άνθιμου ο οποίος δήλωσε ότι θα εκπληρώσει την επιθυμία του εκλιπόντος να τοποθετηθεί στο φέρετρό του λίγο χώμα που εκείνος είχε φέρει από την ιδιαίτερη πατρίδα του την Κρήτη. Ο εκπρόσωπος του Οικουμενικού Πατριάρχου Μητροπολίτης Τορόντο Σωτήριος μετέφερε τις συλλυπητήριες ευχές του Παναγιωτάτου και μοιράστηκε με το εκκλησίασμα μνήμες και σκέψεις για τον εκλιπόντα ιεράρχη.

Ο Σεβασμιωτάτος Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής κ. Δημήτριος εκφώνησε τον επικήδειο λόγο κατά τον οποίο εξέφρασε την ευγνωμοσύνη της Εκκλησίας προς όλους όσους συμπαραστάθηκαν στον Μητροπολίτη Αντώνιο τις τελευταίες εβδομάδες και ημέρες της ζωής του, τους λαϊκούς και κληρικούς, τους ιατρούς και το λοιπό νοσηλευτικό προσωπικό του Νοσοκομείου του Σακραμέντο.

Ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Δημήτριος στάθηκε σε τρεις πτυχές της κληρονομιάς που αφήνει πίσω του ο Μητροπολίτης Αντώνιος, μια κληρονομιά πίστεως ως δημιουργική δύναμη οικοδομής και σποράς (Ιερεμ. 1:9-10), μια κληρονομιά πίστεως ως ελευθερίας, απελευθέρωσης και ανεξαρτησίας (Γαλατ. 5:13) και μια κληρονομιά πίστεως ως χαρά ζωής. (Ιωαν. 16:11)

Στη συνέχεια σχηματίστηκε μια εντυπωσιακή αυτοκινητοπομπή, η οποία συνοδεύει μοτοσυκλετιστών της αστυνομίας που σταματούσε την κυκλοφορία των λοιπών οχημάτων καθ' όλη την διάρκεια της διαδρομής, οδήγησε στο Ελληνικό Κοιμητήριο του Αγίου Φραγκίσκου όπου πραγματοποιήθηκε ο ενταφιασμός. Σύμφωνα με την επιθυμία του μακαριστού ιεράρχη η σωρός του θα ενταφιασθεί μόνιμως στο χώρο του Ορθόδοξου Συνεδριακού Κέντρου του Αγίου Νικολάου (συγκεκριμένα στην Μονή της Ζωοδόχου Πηγής στους πρόποδες των βουνών της Σιέρρας Νεβάδας μόλις αυτό καταστεί δυνατό.

40 ήμερο Μνημόσυνο του μακαριστού Μητροπολίτου θα τελεσθεί στον Καθεδρικό Ναό του Ευαγγελισμού της Θεοτόκου, την Κυριακή, 30 Ιανουαρίου (εφ' όσον η ακριβής ημέρα συμπίπτει να είναι η Υπαπαντή). Μετά το μνημόσυνο τα χορευτικά συγκροτήματα του Καθεδρικού Ναού θα παρουσιάσουν παραδοσιακούς χορούς προς τιμή του Σεβασμιωτάτου, ένδειξη της αγάπης και σεβασμού των παιδιών προς τον Μητροπολίτη τους.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 2, 2005

Presentation

(Ypapanti)

FEBRUARY 8, 2005

Marriage Prep, Session I

FEBRUARY 17-20, 2005

Folk Dance Festival

MARCH 12, 2005

Honoring the Korinthias Committee

MARCH 25, 2005

Church Name Day Luncheon

MAY 7, 2005

Mother's Day Luncheon/Fashion Show

June 19, 2005

Father's Day Brunch

NOVEMBER 11, 2006

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